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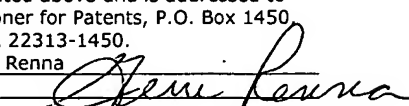
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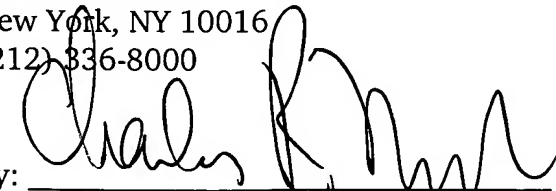
Sir:

Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified application. The last correspondence received from the U.S. Patent Office was the Notice of Publication dated September 22, 2005. To date, we have not received any further correspondence.

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